राजस्थान में दूरदर्शन ट्रांसमीटरों का कार्यनिष्पादन सन्तोषजनक है तथापि कुछ ट्रांसमीटरों का कवरेज स्थानीय भू-भाग की परिस्थितियों के कारण सीमित है। ये ट्रांसमीटर शुरू में सम्बद्ध जिला प्राधिकारियों द्वारा उपलब्ध कराई गई इमारतों में लगाये गए थे। सवाई माधोपुर और कुछ अन्य स्थानों पर लगाए गए ट्रांसमीटरों को उनके स्थानों पर ले जाने की परिकल्पना की गई है जहां पर उनका एन्टेना 100 मीटर ऊंचे टावर पर लगाया जाएगा। यह काम 1991 में पूरा किया जाएगा ताकि इन ट्रांसमीटरों से प्राप्त होने वाली कवरेज का विस्तार किया जा सके।

Fire at Vigyan Bhavan, New Delhi

158. SHRI S. S. AHLUWALIA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a maojr fire had occurred at Vigyan Bhavan, New Delhi on 16th April, 1990 when a conference of Senior Police Officers from all over the country was in progress therein;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the Chief Fire Officer, Delhi, had suggested electric short-circuit as probable cause of the fire;

(c) whether as per the Blue-Book of VIP security, fool-proof protection of a VIP venue of meeting like Vigyan Bhavan against electric short-circuit is one of the pre-requisites; and

(d) if so, whether Government accept the responsibility for the security lapse at Vigyan Bhavan; if not, the justification thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SUBODH KANT SAHAY): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) As per standing instructions extra safety protections are taken at such venues.

(d) A Committee has been set up to inquire into the lapses, if any.

Withdrawal of sedition cases

159. SHRI S. S. AHLUWALIA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have withdrawn the charges of sedition and other anti-national activities against a number of persons who had been booked by the previous Government and were facing prosecution in various Courts;

(b) if so, the number thereof, State-wise and Union Territory-wise; and

(c) whether the Publishers & Editors of the three newspapers from Jammu & Kashmir, which have been banned recently, are facing charges of sedition; if not, for what offences they have been booked?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SUBODH KANT SAHAY): (a) to (c) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Surrender by the Naxalite in Andhra Pradesh

160. SHRI S. S. AHLUWALIA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that, consequent upon the offers for various incentives for rehabilitation, etc,, by the previous Government of Telugu Desham party in Andhra Pradesh a, number of naxalites surrendered voluntarily;

(b) if so, their number and whether Government have since scrutinised their respective detail; and